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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

The paragraph beginning at page 11, line 10 is amended as follows:

A specific polyimide of the present invention is a compound of the formula

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc} O & O & \\ II & II & \\ R_1 & -C - N - C - \\ I & I & \\ \end{array}\right]_n R_3$$

wherein

n is 2 to about 1,000;

each R_1 , R_1 , and R_3 R_1 , R_2 , and R_3 is independently (C_1-C_{24}) alkyl, (C_2-C_{24}) alkenyl, (C_1-C_{24}) alkyl, (C_3-C_8) cycloalkyl, (C_3-C_8) cycloalkyl, (C_6-C_{10}) aryl, (C_6-C_{10}) heteroaryl, (C_1-C_{24}) alkyl (C_6-C_{10}) aryl, (C_1-C_{24}) alkyl (C_6-C_{10}) heteroaryl, (C_6-C_{10}) aryl (C_1-C_{24}) alkyl, (C_6-C_{10}) heteroaryl (C_1-C_{24}) alkyl, or (C_3-C_8) cycloalkyl (C_1-C_{24}) alkyl;

wherein any alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, or heteroaryl can optionally be substituted with one or more (e.g., 1, 2, 3, or 4) halo, trifluoromethyl, cyano, hydroxy, nitro, $C(=O)OR_6$, wherein R_6 is hydrogen or (C_1-C_{24}) alkyl, or NR_7R_8 , wherein each R_7 and R_8 are independently hydrogen or (C_1-C_{24}) alkyl; and

wherein any alkyl, alkenyl, or alkynyl is optionally interrupted with one or more (e.g., 1, 2, 3, or 4) oxo, thio, sulfonyl, or sulfinyl;

or a suitable salt thereof.